

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:  
a storage device configured to store digital data;  
an input device configured to set a compression ratio of the stored digital data;  
[[and]]

a writing device configured to write the set compression ratio as one item of additional data for the stored digital data to said storage device[[.]]; and  
a display device which displays resolution and image quality information after recompression.

2. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:  
a compression device configured to compress the stored digital data in  
accordance with the ~~additional data~~ compression ratio.

3. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein  
said writing device writes the ~~additional data~~ compression ratio before or after  
said storage device stores the digital data.

4. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

said writing device changes the ~~additional data~~ compression ratio after said storage device stores the digital data.

5. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said storage device stores a plurality of frames of compressed image data; said input device sets a recompression ratio of the compressed image data stored in said storage device for each frame; and

said writing device writes the set recompression ratio for each frame as another item of the additional data in said storage device, said apparatus further comprising:

a device configured to recompress the compressed image data stored in said storage device according to the ~~additional data~~ compression ratio and store the recompressed data in said storage device.

6. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said storage device saves compressed music data comprising a plurality of tunes;

said input device sets a recompression ratio of the compressed music data stored in said storage device; and

said writing device writes the set recompression ratio for each tune as another item of the additional data in said storage device, said apparatus further comprising:

a device configured to recompress the compressed music data stored in said storage device according to the ~~additional data~~ compression ratio and store the recompressed data in said storage device.

7. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable program code means embodied therein, the computer readable program code means comprising:

computer readable program code means for causing a computer to store digital data;

computer readable program code means for causing a computer to set a compression ratio of the stored digital data; [[and]]

computer readable program code means for causing a computer to write the set compression ratio as additional data for the stored digital data[.]; and

computer readable program code means for causing a computer to display resolution and image quality information after recompression.

8. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture according to claim 7, further comprising:

computer readable program code means for causing a computer to compress the stored digital data in accordance with the ~~additional data~~ compression ratio.

9. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture according to claim 7, wherein said writing computer readable program code means causes a computer to write the ~~additional data~~ compression ratio before or after storing the digital data.

10. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture according to claim 7, wherein said writing computer readable program code means causes a computer to change the ~~additional data~~ compression ratio after storing the digital data.

11. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture according to claim 7, wherein said storing computer readable program code means causes a computer to store a plurality of frames of compressed image data;

said input computer readable program code means causes a computer to set a recompression ratio of the stored compressed image data for each frame; and

said writing computer readable program code means causes a computer to write the set recompression ratio for each frame as another item of the additional data, said apparatus further comprising:

computer readable program code means for causing a computer to recompress the stored compressed image data according to the ~~additional data~~ compression ratio and store the recompressed data.

12. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture according to claim 7, wherein

said storage computer readable program code means causes a computer to save compressed music data comprising a plurality of tunes;

said input computer readable program code means causes a computer to set a recompression ratio of the stored compressed music data; and

said writing computer readable program code means causes a computer to write the set recompression ratio for each tune as another item of the additional data, said apparatus further comprising:

computer readable program code means for causing a computer to recompress the stored compressed music data according to the ~~additional data~~ compression ratio and store the recompressed data.